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On Senate Passage of Broadband Privacy CRA

WASHINGTON, March 23, 2017 – "Today the Senate voted along party lines to dismantle the FCC's broadband privacy rules. If signed by the President, this law would repeal the FCC's widely-supported broadband privacy framework, and eliminate the requirement that cable and broadband providers offer customers a choice before selling their sensitive, personal information," said FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and FTC Commissioner Terrell McSweeny.

Clyburn and McSweeny, continued: "This legislation will frustrate the FCC's future efforts to protect the privacy of voice and broadband customers. It also creates a massive gap in consumer protection law as broadband and cable companies now have no discernible privacy requirements. This is the antithesis of putting #ConsumersFirst. The House must still consider this legislation. We hope they recognize the importance of consumer privacy and not undermine the ability of Americans to exercise control over their sensitive data."

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